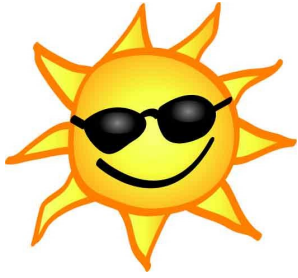


FREE WEEKEND PROGRAMS



The Environmental Education Center (EEC)
1751 Grand Blvd, Alviso (San Jose), CA 95002
For reservations, use the link provided.
Questions? Call (408) 262-5513 ex. 104 or 102
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Summer Programs: June, July, August

Be Active!

Tai Chi & Refuge Nature Walk

Saturdays June 1st, July 13th, and August 10th 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Morning Crane founder Chris Shelton is a certified Tai Chi and Qigong practitioner and instructor with 20 years of experience. Chris Shelton has helped thousands of people around the world reclaim their health and enjoy lives free from chronic pain. Join us for a short nature walk lead after to learn about the refuge! *Program may be led by any of Morning Crane's instructors. All ages welcome! Sponsored by Morning Crane, San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society, and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. Located in the open-air Pavilion, rain or shine. No registration necessary.

Family Yoga (5-week session)

Saturday, June 1st - Saturday, June 29th 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Bonnie Hasson presents Family Yoga at the Refuge! Bring the whole family to participate in a one-hour yoga class held outside surrounded by nature! Join us for a short nature walk after to learn about the Refuge! This is a 5-week session, and all classes are held on the following Saturdays: June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. The first class is mandatory, and ends at 3:00pm. More information will be given upon registration. A limited number of yoga mats are available for use during the class, please plan accordingly. Ideal for children ages 5-10 and their caregivers. Sponsored by San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. Reservations Required. For additional information and to register, go to: <https://familyyogasummer.eventbrite.com>. Ticket registration ends Wednesday, May 29th. Questions? Call: 408-262-5513 ext. 100 or 104.

Wheels and Wildlife Bike Tour

Saturdays, June 22nd 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and August 17th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Did you know you could ride your bike on the Refuge trails in Alviso? Join us for a bicycle tour around the levee! We will stop along the way to learn about the Refuge, the wildlife and habitats they use, the importance of Coyote Creek watershed, and the history of the area! The ride is 4.5 miles on a level trail, and there is no shade along the way. Must provide your own bikes, gear, and water bottles. Helmets are required for children. Water and snacks will be provided at a stop. Children ages 10+ recommended, please use your best judgement on skill level for the distance. Sponsored by San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful, and San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory. Registration Recommended. Go to: <https://190622-bike.eventbrite.com> Questions? Call 408-262-5513.

History

Drawbridge Van Excursion

Saturdays, June 1st, July 13th, and August 24th 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

An abandoned town in the San Francisco Bay? That's right! Nestled on an island in the salt marshes of South San Francisco Bay, the town of Drawbridge once boomed. Was it a quiet, peaceful town full of nature lovers, or people scrambling out a living? How long did it exist? Find out at this program, led by Ceal Craig, our Drawbridge expert. Start with a slide show, and then take a short van excursion to view Drawbridge across Coyote Creek. Program will be of most interest to adults interested in history or nature; children 13 and over with an adult are welcome. Space is very limited. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Go to: <https://drawbridgetoursummer.eventbrite.com> Questions? Hope: 408-262-5513 ext.104 (Note: we do not visit the town itself – we go to the closest spot that one can legally view Drawbridge.)

Hike & Learn

Hike the Mallard Slough

Saturday, June 8th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Look for birds, mammals, and animal tracks as we explore along the water's edge on this 3.7-mile nature walk. Bring binoculars and your favorite field guide to help enjoy the views. Have at least one liter of water, snacks, and appropriate clothing. Rain will cancel this hike due to possibly muddy trail. Led by Steve Stolper, certified California Naturalist. Reservations Recommended. Go to: <https://hikeeectrail.eventbrite.com> Questions? Hope: 408-262-5513 ext.104

Why Tides Matter

Saturday, August 17th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Docent Laurel Stell will talk and walk you through all things tides. What are they? How do they affect wildlife? How have humans reshaped the Bay's tidal lands? Program starts indoors but will move outside for an easy 1 mile hike. Binoculars will be provided. All ages are welcome, bring your whole family! Reservations recommended. Go to: <https://eectides2019.eventbrite.com> Questions? Hope: 408-262-5513 ext.104

Please make reservations online with link provided. Questions? Call 408-262-5513.
All minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Jr. Ranger

Jr. Refuge Ranger

Saturday, June 8th 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Does your child have a love and fascination for the outdoors, nature, and wildlife?! Come join our professional Refuge Rangers on a guided habitat hike and stewardship activity. Children will earn their very own Jr. Refuge Ranger badge and become part of our team that helps protect and educate others about wildlife! Our Jr. Refuge Ranger program creator, Lynnea Shuck, will be joining us to share the history of the program and what she has planned for the future. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards! Great for families and scout groups! Best for ages 7 and up, but all are welcome. Registration Recommended. Go to: <https://jrrefugerangereec.eventbrite.com> Questions? Call 408-262-5513 ext 104.

Arts & Crafts

Crafts in the Outdoors: Beginning Leatherwork

Saturday, August 24th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Doing crafts outdoors is a wonderful experience! Make and decorate (tool) a small patch for your backpack or clothing made from vegetable tanned leather. Learn how Bay Area residents used the tanoak tree for food and for making leather. This family-friendly program lets you have fun crafting your own leather item. Bring water, snacks, and appropriate clothing. This program runs rain or shine. Led by Steve Stolper, Certified California Naturalist. Reservations Recommended. Go to: <https://leatherworkeec.eventbrite.com>. Questions? 408-262-5513 ext.104

DIY Sea Flow Filter

Saturday, June 29th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Did you know urban runoff pollution is one of the greatest threats to our beloved San Francisco Bay? Urban runoff pollution is what travels down streets, into storm drains, out into our creeks and ultimately the bay. Join us to learn about what you can do at home to help prevent this type of pollution and make your own Sea Flow Filter for the storm drain in your neighborhood. Great for families! All ages welcome. Presented by Girl Scout Ambassador Kami, from Troop 61448. Reservations Recommended. Go to: <https://diyseafilter.eventbrite.com> Questions? Call 408-262-5513 ext. 104.

Paint with a Ranger

Saturday, July 27th 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Connect with nature via paint! Art is a great way to gain a new perspective on what you see out on the refuge. It allows you to discover shapes and colors you may not have noticed before! Each "Paint with a Ranger" program will have a different theme. All materials are supplied, so just bring yourself, your family, and friends! All skill levels are welcome to join! Recommended for ages 7 and up. Reservations required. Please visit: <https://paintranger.eventbrite.com>. Questions? Hope: 408-262-5513 ext.104

Wildlife

Tiny Drifters

Saturday, June 29th 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Did you know there are tiny floating creatures that live in our Bay?! They are called plankton! Learn about the different characteristics of plankton, how they have adapted to survive, and their importance in the food chain. We will become Planktologists for a day, collecting water samples and using microscopes to identify these incredible organisms! All ages are welcome. Great for families and scouts! Reservations Recommended. Go to: <https://eectinydrift.eventbrite.com> Questions? Call 408-262-5513 ext. 104.

Insect Exploration

Saturday, August 10th 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Insects have been on this Earth for hundreds of millions of years. Come learn about the many different insects that call the San Francisco Bay Area home. We will examine insects and learn how they have adapted to survive. Join us as we dig in the dirt and crawl through the plants, in search for our six-legged friends! Be prepared to get dirty. All ages are welcome. Reservations recommended. <http://eecinsect.eventbrite.com>. Questions? Call 408-262-5513 ext. 104

Astronomy

Night Sky Party

Friday, August 16th 8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Meet the stars of Fall and view the moon and maybe some planets! Join our amateur astronomers as we learn about constellations. Make a star chart and then venture outside to view the night sky through a telescope. Afterwards, warm up with some hot chocolate. Dress warmly, as it gets cold in the evening. Fun for the whole family! Great for Scout groups! Reservations Recommended. Go to: <https://nightskysummer19.eventbrite.com> Questions? Hope: 408-262-5513 ext.104

Volunteer

Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, June 15th 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Interested in volunteering at our Alviso location, but not sure what you want to do? This will provide a brief overview of the various opportunities we have available! Please RSVP by emailing Hope at watershedwatchers@sfbws.com.

It is the policy of the Fish and Wildlife Service to accommodate individuals with disabilities. If you need accommodation to enable you to participate, please contact a visitor services staff person: (408) 262-5513